

# House File 357 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to preschool support provided through school  
2 ready children grants under the community empowerment  
3 initiative.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 28.8, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
1 2 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 a. Preschool services provided on a voluntary basis to  
1 4 children deemed at risk of not succeeding in elementary school  
1 5 as determined by the community board and specified in the  
1 6 grant plan developed in accordance with this section. If  
1 7 funding provided through the school ready children grants  
1 8 account of the Iowa empowerment fund is designated for  
1 9 assisting low-income parents or families with preschool  
1 10 tuition, the funding may also be used to address needs for  
1 11 resources other than preschool services for children in  
1 12 families that have significant challenges or needs that impair  
1 13 the children's school readiness or ability to benefit from  
1 14 preschool, regardless of income eligibility. These challenges  
1 15 or needs apply to children newborn through five years of age  
1 16 and include but are not limited to acclimatization to the  
1 17 community or society, specialized language support, physical  
1 18 or mental disability, and sign language or other specialized  
1 19 communication or difficulty with communication.

1 20 EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill relates to preschool support provided through  
1 22 school ready children grants under the community empowerment  
1 23 initiative by amending Code section 28.8, relating to  
1 24 requirements for the grant program.

1 25 The bill provides that if funding provided through the  
1 26 grants account is designated for assisting low-income parents  
1 27 or families with preschool tuition, the funding may also be  
1 28 used to address needs for resources other than preschool  
1 29 services for children in families that have significant  
1 30 challenges or needs that impair the children's school  
1 31 readiness or ability to benefit from preschool, regardless of  
1 32 income eligibility. The eligible challenges and needs apply  
1 33 to children from birth through age five and include but are  
1 34 not limited to acclimatization to the community or society,  
1 35 specialized language support, physical or mental disability,  
2 1 and sign language or other specialized communication or  
2 2 difficulty with communication.

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